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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM
BELIZEAN PREMIER PRICE

1. BELIZEAN PREMIER GEORGE PRICE TELEGRAPHED PRESIDENT
CARTER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: QUOTE PLEASE ACCEPT DEEP
APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF
BELIZE FOR YOUR FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT TO ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES PLEDGING YOUR HELP TO FIND A PEACEFUL AND
JUST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF GUATEMALA'S CLAIM TO OUR
LAND. WE TRUST AND PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE
YOU AND YOUR ADVISERS TO SUPPORT A SOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION ON BELIZE'S RIGHT TO
SELF DETERMINE ITS SECURE AND SAFE INDEPENDENCE WITH ALL
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ITS TERRITORY. LAND CESSION DOES NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS--
IT CREATES FUTURE PROBLEM. GEORGE PRICE, PREMIER OF BELIZE
END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE TRANSMIT TO PREMIER PRICE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER: QUOTE DEAR MR. PREMIER: THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TELEGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT

A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE DISPUTE BETWEEN GUATEMALA
AND GREAT BRITAIN OVER BELIZE CAN BE FOUND SOON. WE
BELIEVE THAT BELIZE'S SECURITY WOULD BEST BE PROTECTED BY

AN AGREEMENT WITH GUATEMALA WHICH WOULD PERMIT BELIZE TO
MOVE PEACEFULLY TOWARD A SAFE INDEPENDENCE. I URGE YOU,
AS WE HAVE URGED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND GUATEMALA, TO SEEK SUCH A SETTLEMENT IN THE
SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION AND FRIENDSHIP. SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

3. THE USG DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF PREMIER PRICE WISHES TO
DO SO. CHRISTOPHER

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